

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6649

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Transportation, January 28, 2010

Title: An act relating to driving record abstracts.

Brief Description: Streamlining the content and release requirements of driving record abstracts.

Sponsors: Senators King, Marr, Swecker, Haugen, Tom and Shin.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 1/26/10, 1/28/10 [DPS].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6649 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Marr, Vice Chair; Swecker, Ranking Minority Member; Becker, Berkey, Delvin, Eide, Hatfield, Jacobsen, Kastama, Kilmer and King.

Staff: Janice Baumgardt (786-7319)

Background: The Department of Licensing (DOL) maintains a case record on every person licensed to operate a motor vehicle in Washington. These case records, or abstracts, contain information relating to a person's driving record. Current law restricts the distribution of abstracts to certain persons and uses.

The current abstract statutes are challenging for the reader to follow. As such, the 2009-11 biennial transportation budget directed DOL to submit to the Legislature draft legislation that rewrites the statutes in plain language.

Summary of Bill: The bill as referred to committee not considered.

Summary of Bill (Recommended Substitute): The abstract statutes are written in plain language to assist the reader. The bill is revenue and policy neutral.

Appropriation: None.

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Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: Thank you for the support you have shown the Superintendent of Public Instruction in the past years regarding the providing of access to the driving records of school bus drivers – this is a step towards safety.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Allan Jones, Director of Student Transportation, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.